THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): It is proposed to open 12 extra departmental branch post offices, subject to justification, in Bara Banki district of U.P. at the following places:-

1) Durgapur Naubasta,

2) Jakariya

3) Taraganj

4) Sukhipur

5) Khairi

6) Majhiyawan

7) Karaundi

8) Hidayatpur Sipali

9) Mahamau

10) Bhatwawan

11) Bahrauli and

12) Budhera.

[*English*]

Telecast of Malayalam Programmes from Trivandrum

3985. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Malayalam programmes telecast from Trivandrum Doordarshan are not available in North Kerala and the hilly areas of Idukki and Pathanamthitta;

(b) whether most of the South Indian states have already made arrangements for telecasting programmes in their vernacular languages;

(c) if so, the whether the Government propose to expedite the process of extending this facility in all parts of Kerala;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFROMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Subject to local terrain conditions, parts of North Kerala and districts of Idukki and Pathanamthitta are convert by regional service programmes originating from Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum.

(b) arrangements for relay of regional service programmes originating from Doordarshan Kendras in the respective State Capitals are, at present, available in the Southern of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

(c) to (e). Establishment of facilities for early of regional service programme originating from Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum by all the TV transistors in the State of Kerala would depend upon availability of the requisite space segment capacity, adequate resources for the purpose and inter-se priorities.

[*Translation*]

Post Offices in Panchayats of Bihar

3986. SHRI MAHEDRA BAITHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to open post offices in various Panchayats in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose